

Nets coach Byron Scott has led the Nets to the most wins in franchise history. The Nets, led by their superb point guard Jason Kidd, lost a tough 6-game series to the Spurs, who are undoubtedly championship material. But the Nets are in that class, as well. I hope that this team will stay intact and continue on its quest to winning an NBA title.

New Jersey is a haven for great professional sports teams, and on behalf of the whole State of New Jersey, I congratulate the Devils and Nets and wish both teams the best of luck in the future.

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD, without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 176) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 176

Whereas the New Jersey Devils defeated the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 3-0 on June 9, 2003 to win the Stanley Cup in 7 games;

Whereas the New Jersey Nets won the National Basketball Association (NBA) Eastern Conference Championship and reached the NBA Finals for the second consecutive year before losing a closely contested series to the San Antonio Spurs in 6 games;

Whereas the Devils won their third Stanley Cup in the last 9 years, as many as any other team in that period;

Whereas the Devils and Nets have won over the State of New Jersey (where the first professional basketball game took place in 1898) with their skillful offenses and stifling defenses;

Whereas the Devils and Nets have come to epitomize the never-say-die spirit of the people of New Jersey and have both become an important part of the State and its identity;

Whereas the fans of both New Jersey teams have shown the same spirit and determination in support of their teams and deserve commendation for their loyalty in this season's playoffs;

Whereas the Devils had a 12 win, 1 loss record at the Continental Airlines Arena, the most home wins in the history of the Stanley Cup playoffs;

Whereas the Nets swept both the Boston Celtics and the Detroit Pistons during a 10-game winning streak in this season's playoffs;

Whereas Pat Burns, head coach of the New Jersey Devils, has enjoyed the kind of success that has eluded so many other great coaches, winning his first Stanley Cup title in his first season as head coach of the Devils;

Whereas Byron Scott, head coach of the New Jersey Nets, has guided the Nets to the most wins in franchise history, and has led them to the NBA Finals in 2 of his 3 seasons as head coach;

Whereas Martin Brodeur, regarded by many as the premier playoff goaltender in hockey history, recorded 3 shutouts in the Finals, giving him 7 shutouts during this season's playoffs and 20 during his illustrious postseason career;

Whereas the outstanding playmaking abilities of Jason Kidd, widely regarded as the

best point guard in the NBA, has been key to the success of the Nets during the past 2 seasons;

Whereas the outstanding play of Ken Daneyko, Martin Brodeur, Scott Stevens, Sergei Brylin, and Scott Niedermayer has been a vital part of each of the 3 Stanley Cup Championships enjoyed by the New Jersey Devils organization;

Whereas Jason Kidd has superb teammates in Brandon Armstrong, Jason Collins, Lucious Harris, Richard Jefferson, Anthony Johnson, Kerry Kittles, Donny Marshall, Kenyon Martin, Dikembe Mutombo, Rodney Rogers, Brian Scalabrine, Tamar Slay, and Aaron Williams, allowing the team to win its second consecutive NBA Eastern Conference championship; and

Whereas the name of each Devils player will be inscribed on the Stanley Cup, including Tommy Albain, Jiri Bicek, Martin Brodeur, Sergei Brylin, Ken Daneyko, Patrik Elias, Jeff Friesen, Brian Gionta, Scott Gomez, Jamie Langenbrunner, John Madden, Grant Marshall, Jim McKenzie, Scott Niedermayer, Joe Nieuwendyk, Jay Pandolfo, Brian Rafalski, Pascal Rheaume, Mike Rupp, Corey Schwab, Richard Schmiek, Scott Stevens, Turner Stevenson, Oleg Tverdokh, and Colin White: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates—

(1) the New Jersey Devils for their determination, perseverance, and excellence in winning the National Hockey League's 2003 Stanley Cup; and

(2) the New Jersey Nets for their success during the 2002-2003 NBA season.

HONORING LARRY DOBY

Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise in sorrow because baseball lost a legend, African Americans lost a pioneer, and I lost a good friend. I went to high school with Larry Doby at Eastside High School in Paterson, NJ, and watched as he amassed records that were beyond comprehension for most people.

He had four All-State letters. He played basketball, baseball, football, and he ran track well enough to earn an All-State letter in a big State like New Jersey, with that population. He was not only an exciting player to watch on the field, he was a good man. His five children and the whole country will miss him greatly.

Few people realize that Larry began his groundbreaking athletic career in 1943 as the first African-American to play in the American Basketball League for the Paterson Panthers. He then moved on to baseball, playing for the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League. After returning from his service in the Navy for two years, Larry hit .414 with 14 home runs in his final season in Newark, NJ.

It was on July 5, 1947, just 11 weeks after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball, that Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians of the American League. He was the first African-American player in the American League.

Larry had no intention or desire to become an important part of history. When Indians owner Bill Veeck predicted to Larry that he would "be part of history," Larry replied, "I had no

notions about that. I just wanted to play baseball."

And play baseball he did, and quite well. Larry was an All-Star 7 times in his 13-year career, and he helped the Indians win the World Series in 1948 with a home run in Game 4. He hit at least 20 home runs in 8 straight seasons.

Larry went on to become the second African-American manager of a major league team taking the helm of the Chicago White Sox in 1978. He was also the director of community relations for the New Jersey Nets in the late 1970s, encouraging the development of youth programs in urban New Jersey.

It was not easy for Larry, few things this important are. He was harassed by opposing players and fans. He was forced to eat in separate restaurants, to sleep in separate hotels. Some of his own teammates would not even shake his hand. But he pressed on, and we're a better country for it.

Larry said it best in a speech after his career had ended. He said:

We can see that baseball helped make this a better country. We hope baseball has given (children) some idea of what it is to live together and how you can get along, whether you be black or white.

When historians take note of the great contributions made by citizens of the State of New Jersey, certainly the name of Larry Doby should be included. He is at the top of that long list in my mind.

Mr. CORZINE. Mr. President, let me congratulate my colleague from New Jersey for bringing up this discussion of Larry Doby, who is really a national hero. I commend anyone to read the reports in today's newspapers about his career and the evolution of how African Americans ascended to the role they rightfully should have received in American baseball and American life in general. He was a hero to all of us. I am thankful he was remembered by my senior colleague.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND MEDICAL CARE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2003—Continued

AMENDMENT NO. 946

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senator from North Dakota is recognized.

Mr. DORGAN. I send an amendment to the desk on behalf of myself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. FEINGOLD. I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from North Dakota [Mr. DORGAN], for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JEFFORDS, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. PRYOR and Mr. FEINGOLD, proposes an amendment numbered 946.

Mr. DORGAN. I ask unanimous consent the reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.